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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0015 with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] A filling element 7 is to be connected firmly to the component 1 on a surface 8 of the component 1 or in a ~~groove 7~~ groove 4 (FIG. 2).

Please replace paragraph 0019 with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] In order to keep the filling element 7 in a fixed position during a fixing method for fixing the filling element 7 to the component 1, use is made of a holder 13 which connects the ~~filling element 4~~ filling element 7 to the component 1 at least temporarily during a fixing method.